cial loan India will have to borrow during the Seventh Plan period to achieve the Plan target of 5 per cent GDP growth rate per annum;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for difference between India and IBRD;

(c) whether the Finance Ministry asserts that this can be achieved with loan commitments of less than $ 2 billion per annum; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to remove these differences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) The amount of external commercial borrowing by India from year to year is decided on the basis of our requirements and priorities. This is not a subject of negotiation with the World Bank. In view of this, the question of difference of opinion between Government of India and IBRD in regard to a particular quantum does not arise.

Timely disbursal of loans by banks

341. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had pointed out to the Chief Executives of the public sector banks about the shortcomings of the present system of loan disbursal and called for a serious re-look to reduce red tape and to ensure full assistance to the beneficiaries in order to achieve better production results;

(b) if so, whether a small Committee under the Chairmanship of NABARD had been set up to work out proposals to improve the system;

(c) if so, whether the Committee has already submitted its report to Government; and

(d) what are the other measures Government are considering to ensure timely clearance of loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India has been asked to set up a Working Group under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, NABARD to examine the existing system of small loan disbursal and to suggest improvements.

(d) Banks have been advised to ensure that small loan applications are disposed of speedily. Machinery for redressal of customer grievances has also been activised and the Regional/Divisional Managers of banks are expected to look into complaints not resolved at the branch level. It has also been decided that henceforth rural branches should fix a specific day of the month for public disbursement of loans.

Creation of a post of Director General of Investigation in the Income Tax Department

342. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has created a post of Director General of Investigation to coordinate tax raids in the four metropolitan cities and in large industrial houses;

(b) whether this was one of the comprehensive plans drawn up by the Central Board of Direct Taxes to intensify searches all over the country;

(c) if so, what are the details of the measures that will be undertaken under the new Director General to coordinate tax raids; and

(d) whether the Board is also working on a comprehensive legislation to simplify the income-tax laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A post of the Director General (Investigation) has been created in the Income-tax Department with a view to making it more effective in the task of checking tax-

evation. The Director General, (Investigation) supervises, controls and coordinates the working of the Directorate of Inspection (Intelligence) Directorate of Inspection (Survey) and the four units of the Directorate of Inspection (Investigation) which are engaged in the work of combating tax evasion. He also plays a vital role in search and seizure matters and supervises investigations wherever necessary.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Legislation to curb drug peddling

343. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a legislation to curb peddling drug by providing for severe penalty for this offence; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) if not, what other steps Government are taking to curb drug peddling and make it an offence like murder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) A Comprehensive Legislation on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, *inter alia*, providing for stringent penalties for drug trafficking, was passed by the Parliament in its last Session and has since been enacted as the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (61 of 1985).

Recommendations of Abid Hussain Committee

344. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the recommendations of the Abid Hussain Committee which have been accepted and implemented; and

(b) what are the details of the recommendations which have not been implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The details of the recommendations are available in the Report of the Committee on Trade Policies, copies of which have been placed in the Parliament library on 28th August, 1985; on the same day, copies of the Report were also provided to the Publication Counters of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for distribution among Members of Parliament.

The recommendations of the Committee on Trade Policies have, by and large, been accepted by the Government. Its general macro-economic recommendations have been accepted in principle by the Government as guide lines for policy formulation. The recommendations are in various stages of implementation.

Export of iron ore from Paradeep Port

345. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what fresh steps Government have taken to increase the export of iron ore through Paradeep Port in Orissa; and

(b) what is the quantum of iron ore exported from the above Port during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Following steps have been taken to increase the exports of iron ore through Paradeep Port in Orissa:—

(i) Procurement of more ore by removing all quota limitations.

(ii) Providing incentives by way of reduced prices to compensate for additional freight;

(iii) Initiating action to improve iron ore handling facilities in the port and deepening of the port to accommodate